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To Addressees:

RE: A Tribal Point-of-View on Ecological Risk Assessments

I was recently given this article, entitled "Ecological Risk Assessment And Management: Their Failure To Value Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge And Protect Tribal Homelands", by Jeanette Wolfley, and thought it was of interest enough to share with the parties involved in the Crandon Mine Project. It shares a tribal point-of-view on the ecological risk assessment process and shares several tribal cultural concerns such as how federal regulators do not adequately reflect tribal cultural wisdom and knowledge in the risk assessment process.

Also, without mentioning Environmental Justice (EJ) by name, the article addresses concerns that are EJ related such as stating that, "The mobility and transience that provide short-term solutions to members of the majority society do not provide options to tribes when their way of life is threatened or destroyed", and that these special considerations should be incorporated into the Ecological Risk Assessment.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or regarding EJ concerns, please give me a call at 312-886-7252.

Sincerely,

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